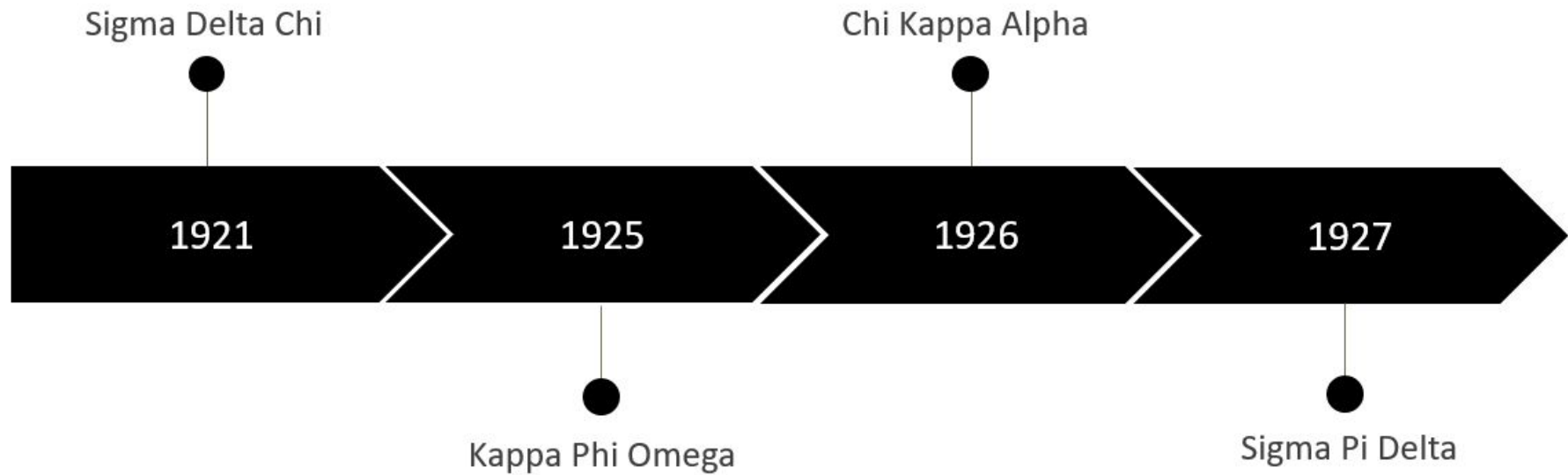


# WVC Greek Life at a Glance

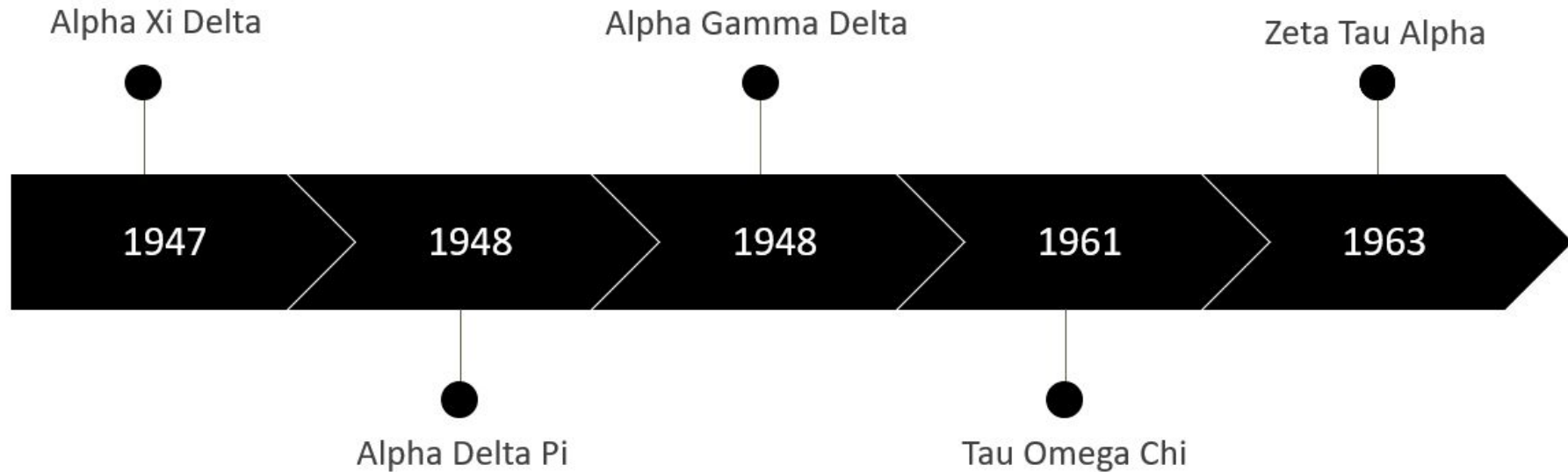
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First, I will focus on sororities.

Greek life first began in 1921 with the first sorority on campus which I found interesting because it shows how progressive Wesleyan was when it came to women. These were all of the old and local sororities.



In 1947 we see the transition of the local sororities affiliating with national sororities, and becoming what we know today as Greek life on campus.

# Sigma Delta Chi → Alpha Xi Delta

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First sorority and Greek organization  
founded on campus in 1921



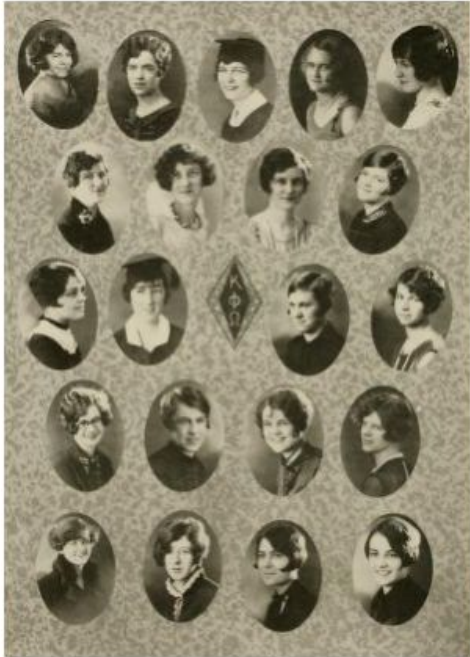
Sigma Delta Chi was the first sorority on campus, and led the way for Greek life at Wesleyan.

It was founded in 1921, and later affiliated with Alpha Xi Delta in 1947

# Kappa Phi Omega → Alpha Delta Pi

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Kappa Phi Omega was the second sorority on campus and was founded in 1925. It later affiliated as Alpha Delta Pi in 1948.



# Sigma Pi Delta → Alpha Gamma Delta

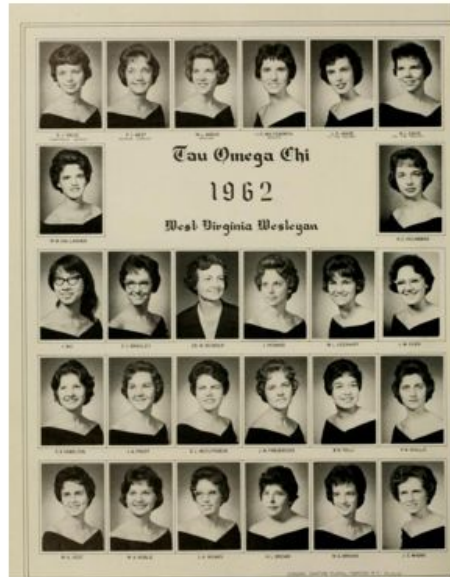


Sigma Pi Delta was the third sorority on campus, founded in 1926, and merged as Alpha Gamma Delta in 1948. There was a short period of lots of change when many of the local sororities and fraternities made the switch to national ones.

There was a fourth sorority founded the same year as Sigma Pi Delta, but it only lasted a few years and was gone before it could affiliate with a national sorority. This was the last new sorority for about 25 years.

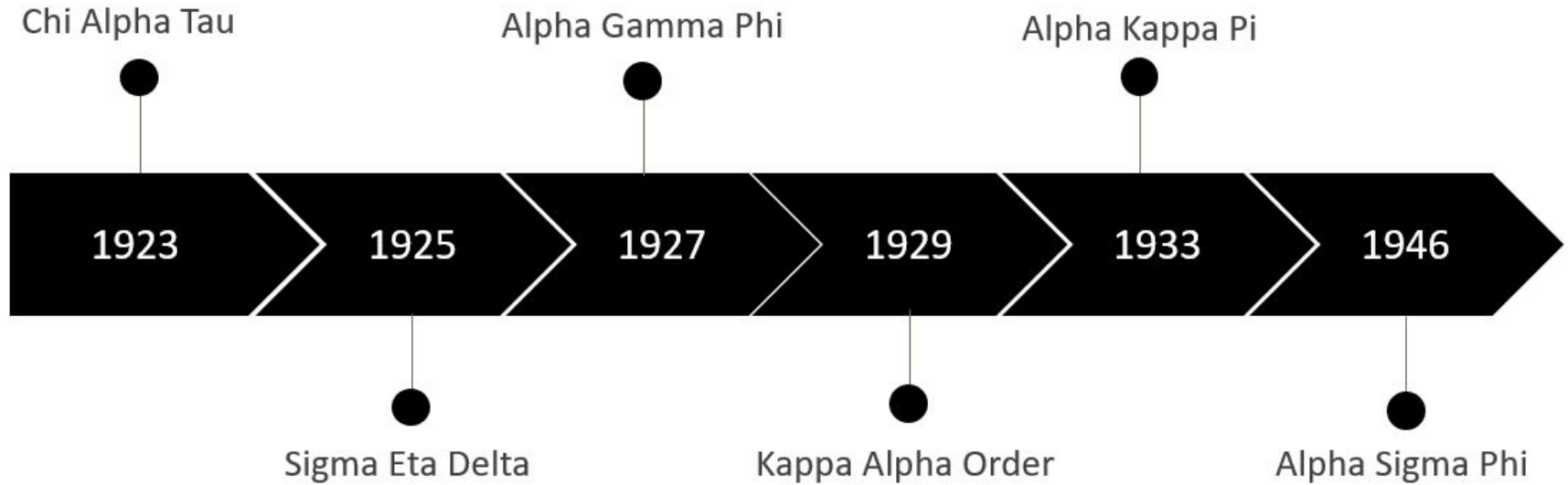


# Tau Omega Chi → Zeta Tau Alpha



Tau Omega was the last sorority to be founded in 1961. It only remained a local sorority for 2 years before it became affiliated with Zeta Tau Alpha in 1963.





Now we will jump to the fraternities which are a little more complex than the sororities.

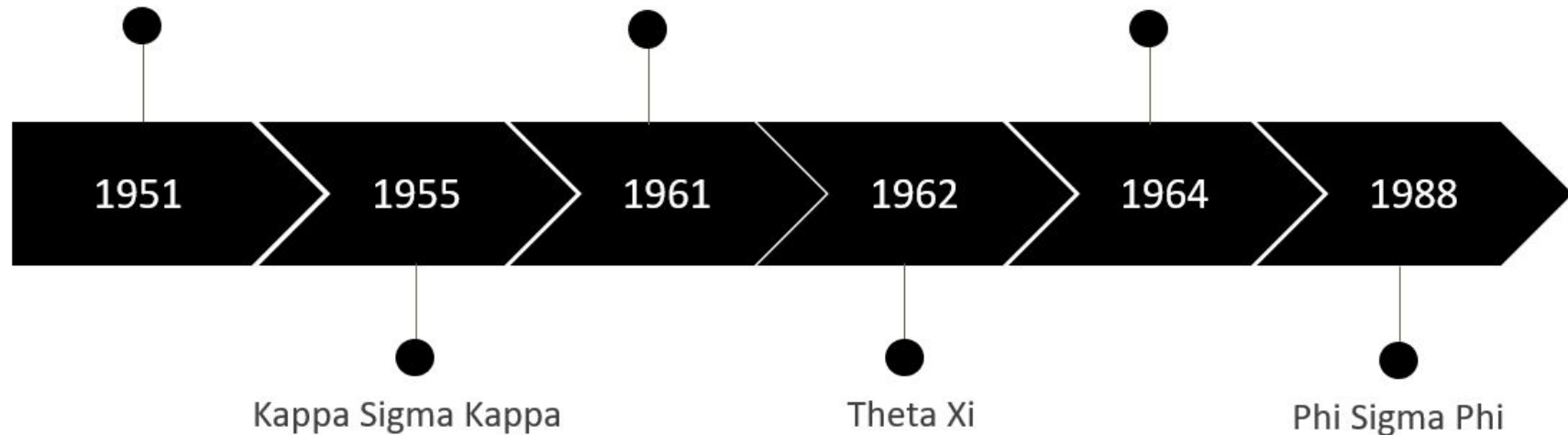
The first fraternity was founded in 1923.



Phi Sigma Epsilon

Delta Xi

Chi Phi



This history is not as straightforward as the sororities in terms of the timeline.

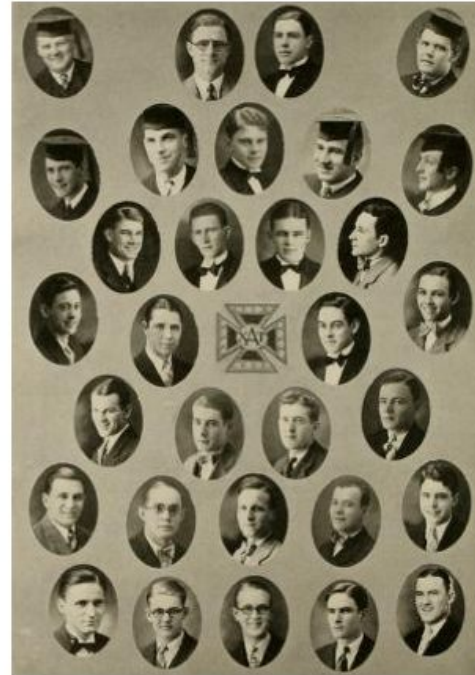
# Chi Alpha Tau

- First fraternity on campus
- 1923 established as club
- There was a ban on fraternities at the time
- Ban was lifted in and Chi Alpha Tau became the first official fraternity on campus in 1926
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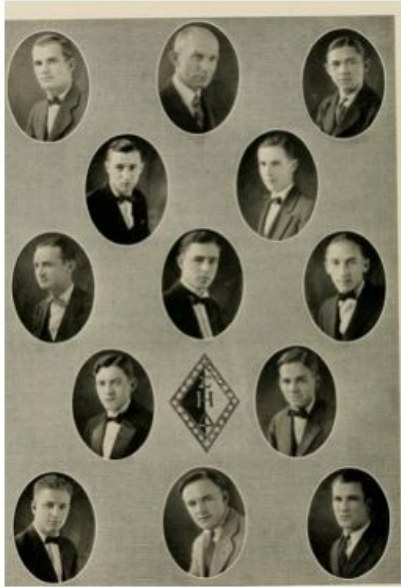
Chi Alpha Tau was the first fraternity on campus.

It started out as a club because there was a ban on fraternities on campus, which I found weird because there was already a sorority on campus.

They were asked to disband at the end of the school year because of their similarities with fraternities, but the ban was lifted and they became the first social fraternity on campus.



# Sigma Eta Delta → Theta Chi



Sigma Eta Delta was the second fraternity on campus and was founded in 1925.

It was a local fraternity until 1950 when it became affiliated with Theta Chi.

# Alpha Gamma Phi



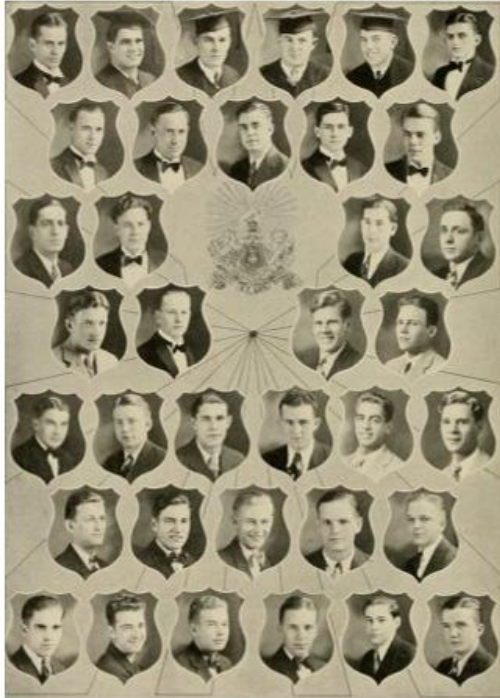
- Third fraternity but didn't last long
- Faculty advisor: Nicholas Hyma
- Had a house on S. Florida St

Alpha Gamma Phi was the third fraternity on campus although it never ended up affiliating with a national fraternity and only lasted about 4 years.

Interesting enough, our very own Nicholas Hyma was their faculty advisor!



# Kappa Alpha Order



Kappa Alpha Order has been the longest Greek organization that we have today that has remained the same since its founding.

It was founded in 1929.



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# Alpha Kappa Pi

- National Fraternity, founded at Wesleyan in 1933
- Founded here first as Chi Alpha Tau (local) in 1923
  - The two chapters merged

Chi Alpha Tau the first fraternity later merged with Alpha Kappa Pi, a national fraternity.

This is just the beginning!





# Alpha Sigma Phi

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- Organized under Chi Alpha Tau in 1923 (M1947)
- Became Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi in 1946
- Same year merged with Alpha Kappa Pi
- In 1951 Phi Sigma Epsilon was founded and later merged with Phi Sigma Kappa nationally
  - Some didn't like and formed Phi Sigma Phi
  - (John Bohman)
- They both merged and rechartered Alpha Sigma Phi in 1998



Alpha Sigma Phi has the most complicated history.

It also goes back to Chi Alpha Tau.

It became the Beta Nu chapter of Alpha Sig in 1946, the same year that it merged with Alpha Kappa Pi.

Then, in 1951, Phi Sigma Epsilon was founded at Wesleyan.

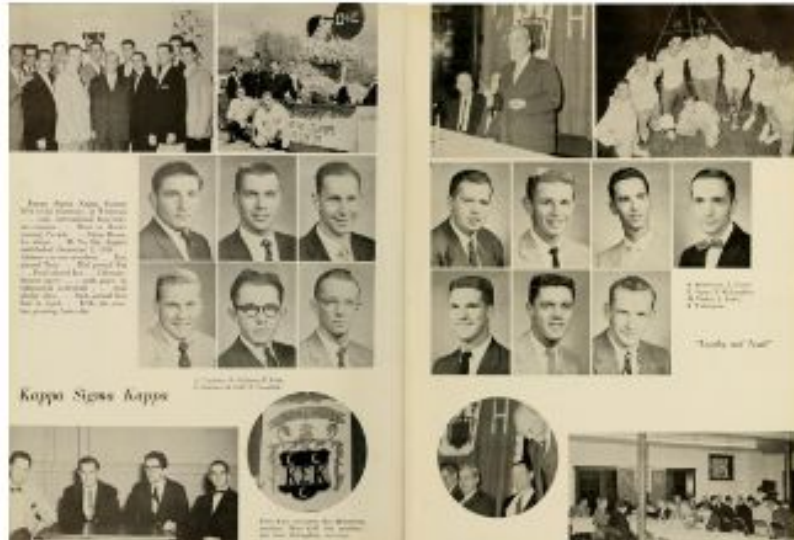
Nationally, it merged with Phi Sigma Kappa which divided the chapter at Wesleyan and Phi Sigma Phi was formed.

They both merged and rechartered Alpha Sigma Phi, which had previously been shut down.

I interviewed John Bohman because he was here during this mere with Phi Sigma Epsilon and can explain it better.

Kappa Sigma Kappa was founded in 1955 and later affiliated with Theta Xi in 1962.

# Kappa Sigma Kappa → Theta Xi



Kappa Sigma Kappa was founded in 1955 and later affiliated with Theta Xi in 1962.

# Delta Xi → Chi Phi



Delta Xi was a local fraternity that was founded in 1962 with the hopes of affiliating with a national fraternity.

In 1965 they became the Delta Xi chapter of Chi Phi and fulfilled their hopes of affiliating with a national fraternity.

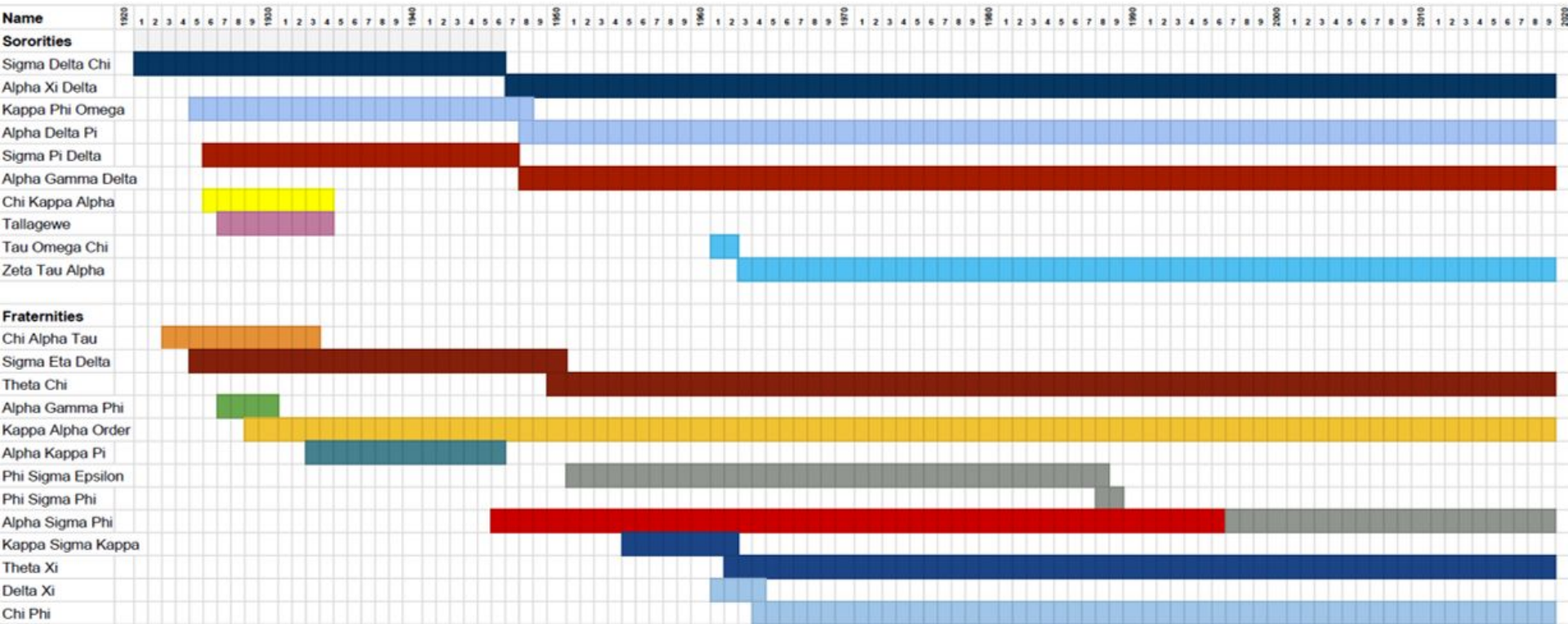


# Sources

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# WVWC Greek Life Overview

And here is an inclusive timeline of Greek life at Wesleyan, including how/when each merged. It is divided into decades beginning with the 1920s. Each square represents a year.